

FLEETS MAY
HAVE CLASHEDSeveral Unconfirmed Rumors
to That Effect.

OFF ISLAND OF FORMOSA

A Manila Report Says That Japanese
Lost in the Encounter—St. Peters-
burg Has Heard Nothing of
Russian Success.

London, May 25.—The correspondent of the Central News at St. Petersburg wires that persistent rumors are heard in naval circles to the effect that a naval battle has commenced off the island of Formosa.

FIFTY VESSELS SIGHTED.

Supposedly Rodjstevsky's Fleet Head-
ed Northeastward Sunday.

London, May 25.—A Manila despatch says that fifty warships, supposed to be Admiral Rodjstevsky's fleet, were sighted off the east coast of the Batin islands on May 20.

The vessels were heading towards the northeast.

Did the Japanese Lose?

Manila, May 25.—There is an unconfirmed rumor that the Russian and Japanese fleets have met south of Formosa, and that the Japanese were defeated.

TO FORCE TOGO.

St. Petersburg Thinks That Russians
Want Open Fight.

St. Petersburg, May 25.—In naval circles it is now generally assumed that Vice Admiral Rodjstevsky's squadrons are in the Pacific steaming northward and giving the Pescadores, Formosa and the Luchu islands a wide berth, in order to minimize the danger of a concentrated torpedo attack under cover of these islands and to force Vice Admiral Togo should be elect to accept battle, to meet him in the open.

All idea that the Russian admiral will attempt to force a passage of the Korean straits has been abandoned. Both the Perouse strait between the islands of Hokkaido and Sakhalin and the Tsugaru strait between the islands of Hokkaido and Honshu were reconnoitered by the cruisers and destroyers at Vladivostok and the results communicated to Admiral Rodjstevsky before he left French Indo-China.

TO AID NATIVES.

Great Suffering Is Looked for Among
the Manchurians.

Birmingham, Eng., May 25.—The Post says that, following representations that have been made by the Chinese government, correspondence is passing between the French, English and American governments for the purpose of making better arrangements to care for the natives of Manchuria, whose business has been ruined and lands devastated by Japanese and Russian combatants. It is expected that appealing distress among the natives will follow for the next twelve months unless something is done to afford relief.

MUCH BLOODSHED.

Estimated That at Least 60 People Were
Killed or Wounded in Warsaw.

Warsaw, May 25.—The fighting which has been in progress in the Jewish quarters since yesterday was renewed this morning, and there has been more bloodshed. It is estimated that at least sixty persons have been killed or wounded. All the victims are Jewish socialists who took the lead today in attacking the thieves, rough characters and usurers who infest the quarter.

A PREMATURE FOURTH.

Fireworks Factory in Rockland, Mass.,
Goes Off.

Rockland, Mass., May 25.—Ten small, one-story wooden buildings of the National Fireworks company's plant at West Hanover were partially destroyed late yesterday afternoon by an explosion in the mixing room of the laboratory.

Of the hundred persons employed at the plant, only one, Arthur Cate, was severely but not fatally injured, while four girls, Margaret Laverty, Nettie Cushing, Nellie McCauley and Sarah Catty, were bruised somewhat by being thrown to the ground by the shock of the explosion.

BETHEL.

The Golden Rule Christian Endeavor Union held its 28th convention at the Congregational church here yesterday. An enthusiastic company received the address on Junior work by State Superintendent, Miss Mary W. Ellis of Springfield, and the eloquent appeal to enlarged service by field secretary of the Maine C. E. Union, Rev. C. D. Crane of Waterville, Me.

The strike situation on the granite railroad among the Italians has been partially ameliorated by the gang being paid off and discharged. Some left for other points, while many waited for the arrival of the new gang which is expected today.

BUSINESS IS GOOD.

Mount Mansfield Electric Railroad Holds
Annual Meeting.

Stowe, May 25.—The annual meeting of the Mount Mansfield railway company was held here yesterday. The most important features of the meeting were the good showing made in amount of business last year and the favorable outlook for a larger amount of business for the coming year. The freight rate between this town and Waterbury has been raised to 20 cents per hundred and this change was approved. No other changes in rates were announced. The directors voted to comply with the recommendations of the state railroad commission for improvement of the road. Work will be commenced at once laying new ties and ballasting the track and pushed to completion as fast as possible. A supply of lumber has been ordered for the repair and strengthening of the high trestle at Waterbury Center.

The directors elected are: A. H. Soden of Boston, P. D. Pike of Stowe, F. J. Shepard of Derry, N. H., F. R. Kendall of Boston, G. K. Bartlett of Derry, N. H., G. E. Moody of Waterbury and C. L. McMahon of Stowe.

The directors elected officers as follows: President, A. H. Soden; vice president, P. D. Pike; clerk, L. C. Moody; treasurer, F. J. Shepard.

STILL WORKING ON MYSTERY.

Believe in Manchester That William
Flynn Was Murdered.

Manchester, May 25.—The mystery which surrounds the death of William Flynn, whose body was found two weeks ago on a ledge of rocks below the falls at Manchester, Center, seems farther from solution than it appeared before the hearing which, rather than discovering the culprit, tended to clear the man on whom suspicion had fallen.

That is a clear case of foul play is evident from the position and character of the wounds on the head, the one a deep gash and the other a crushing of the cheek bone, and the position in which the body was found, too far out in the stream for a man to jump or fall. The post mortem showed there was no water in the lungs and that death was due to a blow on the head, administered in some unknown manner. The authorities are still at work on the case.

HANGING ROPE BROKE.

But Frank Fortier of Keene, N. H.,
Killed Himself.

Keene, N. H., May 25.—Frank Fortier, a resident of Marlborough street, who disappeared on Sunday, was found yesterday, lying on the ground, with a piece of rope around his neck, dead. A piece of the same cord which was attached to a limb above him told the story of his death.

Sunday morning Fortier gave his wife his watch and money and told her he was going away and that she would never see him again. He then kissed his wife and children goodbye and then left the house. Until Tuesday Mrs. Fortier did not worry, as her husband had been drinking and was despondent.

TO COLLECT JUDGMENT.

Patch Company of Rutland to Take Im-
mediate Steps.

Rutland, May 25.—The costs in the famous strike case of the F. R. Patch Manufacturing company vs. Protection Lodge of Machinists, tried in the Rutland county court, were taxed yesterday. The costs and the verdict of \$2,500 awarded to the Patch company makes a total judgment of \$2,924.51, which was entered with County Clerk H. A. Harman. The plaintiff will take immediate steps to collect the full amount.

ENDED ABRUPTLY.

\$250,000 Breach of Promise Suit in New
York.

New York, May 25.—The much promised sensational trial of the breach of promise suit brought by Mrs. Katherine Poillon against W. Gould Brohan, for \$250,000, came to a sudden termination this morning, when counsel for the millionaire clubman and yachtman made a motion to have the trial set over to June calendar call.

Counsel for Mr. Brohan said that efforts were making, looking toward an adjustment of the differences.

CHANCES BELIEVED POOR.

Mary Rogers' Petition Was Weak, De-
clares a Lawyer.

Among the lawyers of Montpelier who have followed the conduct of the Rogers case there is a feeling that the supreme court will deny the woman's petition for a new trial. A prominent Montpelier attorney stated today that the petition was not strongly backed up and that Attorney General Fitts knocked out what there was.

A decision is looked for tomorrow morning, and by Saturday at the latest.

JEROME ORTELLI TESTIFIES.

Says That He Married Sophia Four
Years Ago.

Nashua, N. H., May 25.—At the preliminary hearing of Herbert Wilkins, who is charged with living with Sophia Ortellu as man and wife at a lodging house at 13 Chestnut street, Jerome Ortellu testified that he married the girl in Barre, Vt., four years ago and then have one child. Wilkins was driven from the house by the girl's mother last fall and returned to Nashua and shortly afterwards Mrs. Ortellu followed.

COMPANY
ORGANIZEDPirie Tool Sharpening Ma-
chine Company.

CAPITAL STOCK \$5,000

Location of Company is at Barre, Incor-
porators Being Mostly Relatives
of the Late James
Pirie.

Corporation papers were filed at the secretary of state's office in Montpelier today for the Pirie Tool Sharpening company. The location is given as Barre, and the capital stock as \$5,000, of 100 shares divided into \$50 each. The object stated is for the sharpening of tools.

The incorporators are Eric Pirie, Edith E. Pirie, Mary A. Pirie, P. F. Glynn of Montpelier and William Pirie, attorney for E. Lemon of Northfield.

This machine is the one invented by the late James Pirie who committed suicide a few weeks ago, having reached the goal of his ambition, a perfected machine for sharpening tools used in the granite business. The machine is to be set up in this city.

JUMPED THE TRACKS AGAIN.

Car No. 13 With Many Passengers Got
Erratic Again.

Car No. 13 of the street railroad may not be hoodooed, but you can't drive the idea out of the heads of the passengers who left Barre on it yesterday afternoon at a quarter past three o'clock. The car jumped the rails, and that there was not a serious mishap was due to the fact that the accident happened on the side opposite to an embankment. If there had been an embankment in front of the car—well, never mind, there wasn't, and the thirty odd passengers are congratulating themselves that there was a hard roadbed to land upon. The hoodoo idea wouldn't be so strong if it was the first accident to the vehicle, but it wasn't. The same No. 13 has jumped the track three other times this summer, twice at the Marvin farm and once at the Pioneer. Luckily no damage was done, and no one was hurt.

There were some strained nerves, however, among the passengers on the car yesterday afternoon, the most of whom were women bound for the golf club opening. The car left the iron opposite Jones Bros' plant, while Motorman George Howe was slowly guiding the thing around the curve. It was only a few seconds before the car was brought to a standstill, but there was much bumping around in those few seconds. When it ended up it was nearly at right angles to the track. One man on the rear seat jumped when he felt himself being swung round the circle; the others remained on board because they were too surprised to move. They lost no time in getting off when Motorman Howe got the brakes on tight. Then the women who hadn't uttered a sound began to gasp. One man relieved the tension when he declared that he didn't want to be made into a scrambled egg again.

Apparently there was no cause for the accident; the wheels simply climbed the rail at the curve. But when the number of the car was spied it was easily explained. Then there was lots of advice to the company to change the number. In two hours the car was back on the iron.

A MONSTER FISH.

Carp Weighing 23 Pounds Captured at
Montpelier Today.

Levi Bixby, who has charge of the Langdon estate in Montpelier captured a 23 pound carp in the pond on the Langdon estate between Montpelier and the Junction this morning. Three years ago he stocked the pond with trout, but has never been able to catch any. So he decided to investigate. He drew out the water this morning and found this monster fish. Fred Wian, an employee in the Montpelier postoffice, shot the fish.

The stories which Mr. Bixby has been telling about the enormous fish in his pond are now believed. The carp had eaten up all the trout.

NORTHFIELD.

The Washington county convention of the Christian Endeavor society is being held today at the Congregational church. There are several prominent speakers among whom are Mr. Crane of Maine, H. G. Woodruff, the Rev. B. S. Swift, Rev. Frazer Metzger and Miss Martha A. Brookaw.

The next game of ball by the varsity at Norwich will be played on Saturday with Dartmouth reserves on the parade ground.

Paul M. Pearsons, professor public speaking in Swarthmore College, has been secured by the senior class of the Northfield high school to lecture on the "Life and Poems of James Whitcomb Riley." The recital will take place in the Methodist church on Friday evening, June 9.

Sabato 3 Ginguendo Centro all'opera house la Co. Indipendente dra Commedia "La Suanatrice d'Arpa" a beneficio di una vedova. Seguirà la Farsa e g'intermezzi. I dilettanti.

Saturday, June 3d, there will be the play, "La Suanatrice d'Arpa," given by the Italian at the opera house for the benefit of an Italian widow.

BARRE'S FOUR
HUNDREDWhat Our Heaviest Property
Holders Are Assessed.

INCREASE IN GRAND LIST

Will Be Nearly \$1,800 Over Last Year,
or in Vicinity of \$45,000—List of
Polls About Same as
Last Year.

The assessors have made up their grand list book for 1905 and the same is on file today at the assessors office for the inspection of all who desire to see what they are to be taxed on. Correction and additions will be made before the figures are totalled and the grand list determined, but enough is known from the preliminary work to say that it will be nearly \$45,000, or an increase of about \$1,800 over last year. The number of polls will remain about the same as last year. The real estate increase is figured at \$188,075. Property holders who are assessed for more than \$5,000 are given below with the amount of their inventories:

C. R. Allen	\$ 5,115
C. W. Averill	28,608
A. C. Averill estate	10,500
A. C. Averill	6,074
L. A. Averill	7,850
L. M. Averill	26,750
Barclay Bros.	14,318
A. E. Batchelder	16,700
Beck & Beck	5,000
C. N. Benedict	5,450
Mrs. D. G. Bickford	6,300
E. W. Bissbee	11,340
A. C. Blanchard	38,000
L. J. Bolster and wife	176,300
W. A. Boyce	29,800
A. P. Braley estate	6,500
B. W. Braley	5,290
F. N. Braley	6,100
Patrick Brown	7,900
C. L. Bugbee	6,878
Burke Bros.	5,475
F. H. Burke	25,900
A. H. Buzzell and wife	25,900
Mrs. S. B. Bemis	6,700
C. H. Campbell	10,575
Canton Bros.	6,800
Carleton & Lyon	11,800
Claribew & Gray	9,420
E. H. Clark	7,255
R. L. Clark	19,350
Mrs. John Cleary	6,100
E. N. Colburn	5,250
B. B. Cook	9,100
S. Adeline Cook	8,428
J. P. Corakis & Son	5,300
L. L. Currier trustee	5,400
C. L. & R. S. Currier	23,000
F. T. Cutler	5,500
H. F. Cutler	8,700
E. L. Densmore and wife	7,075
J. S. Dezell	5,075
A. F. Dodge	10,400
Geo. A. Drew	5,775
E. A. Drown	11,800
Mary Jane Durkee	17,950
Eastman Bros.	18,000
A. G. Fay and wife	5,505
C. N. Field	6,700
Home Hitts	7,186
Mattie H. Ford	6,150
C. A. Freeman	5,350
Angelia French	10,250
Ellen A. Gale	6,100
John W. Gordon	21,800
W. R. Hadley	5,540
O. H. Hale	21,000
Harrison Granite Co.	10,300
B. B. Hawes	12,300
Holden & Tilden	5,700
O. J. Hawes and wife	7,400
Geo. Howland	6,500
F. G. Howland	14,800
Hom. Jack	5,300
J. Henry Jackson	19,820
G. L. Johnson	9,600
Mrs. S. J. Jones	6,700
Jones Bros. Co.	22,500
C. N. Kenyon & Co.	5,207
W. D. Kidder	9,800
C. M. Ladd	6,000
F. D. Ladd	8,744
E. C. Leonard	5,375
Littlejohn & Milne	8,621
James Mackay	5,200
Abnam Mann	5,400
George Mann	15,300
Marr & Gordon	15,587
A. S. Martin	13,400
Mrs. Jeannette Martin	7,200
C. W. Melcher	5,700
Carlo Merlo	5,600
H. Z. Mills	7,575
D. M. Miles	29,160
Milne, Claribew & Gray	9,350
A. D. Morse	26,500
Geo. A. Morse	11,770
Mrs. Sarah A. Mower	16,300
Mitch & Calder	6,800
J. W. McDonald and wife	5,325
McDonald & Buchanan	5,880
McDonald, Cutler Co.	5,000
M. C. McIver	5,500
F. W. Nichols	15,000
No. Barre Granite Co.	5,400
E. P. Olds and wife	11,200
J. D. Ossola and wife	7,100
W. G. Parker	14,150
Emma Parker estate	5,524
C. G. Patterson	7,625
F. E. Perrin	6,050
Perry Bros.	7,500
King & Reed block	7,500
J. M. Perry	7,628
J. M. Perry and wife	9,000
J. M. Perry, ex.	5,950
W. A. Perry	6,550
H. A. Phelps	7,300
N. D. Phelps	5,000
People's Gas Co.	45,000
W. C. Quinlan	14,500
W. D. Reid and wife	11,350
Reinhalter Granite Co.	6,700
Reynolds & Son	26,774

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ONLY TWO BIDS
WERE RECEIVED.And They Both Quoted the Same Price
Per Ton for Coal—Appropriation
For Sidewalk Spent 3 Times
Over.

A special meeting of the city council, in which the school commissioners participated, was held last evening to open bids for a city coal supply. Only two bids were received, and they were as follows:

Alder & Richardson: Packer Lehigh egg coal, \$7.40; Hazelton Lehigh, \$7.50; Jeddo Lehigh, \$7.90; Lackawanna, \$7.15; steam coal, \$4.45.

D. M. Miles: Lackawanna; Lehigh, \$7.40; Reynoldsville coal mine run, \$4.60; Soldier's run, \$4.85; Soldier's lump, \$5.90; Soldier's select lump, \$5.20.

Bids had been asked for because it was understood outside parties wanted to quote prices, but as there were only these two, and they both alike in price, and that price the same as is quoted to every purchaser of a single ton, it was voted that the matter of purchasing the city's supply be referred back to the committee on supplies.

A petition for an extension of the city water mains from Elm street along Tremont, past E. J. Soden's to D. J. Morse's was referred to the water committee.

The matter of enlarging the barn back of the fire station lot was referred back to the property committee to confer with the school commissioners.

The chairman of the street committee was authorized to purchase a barrel of pitch to fill joints in the street paving which have been dug open during the times of flushing the streets.

The matter of widening Granite street came up for some discussion. It was stated the property holders were willing to deed five feet on each side if the city would set curbing, put in a surface sewer and build sidewalks. It was stated that the expense would be more than the city could care for this year. Alderman Albisetti said the city seemed to have plenty of money to use in other parts of the city. Alderman McKee explained that the work already laid out and begun on sidewalks would use up three times the appropriation for that purpose for the year. Alderman Milne said the Circle street sidewalk had got to be built this year. McKee replied that four-fifths of the work this season already done had been in ward 1. The matter was referred to the street committee to interview the Granite street abutters.

A PLEASANT DAY
ON THE GOLF LINKSOpening Reception of Barre Golf Club
Yesterday Afternoon Was At-
tended by Large Number
of People.

Favored with perfect weather, the annual opening reception of the Barre Golf club, held yesterday afternoon, could scarcely have been other than the pronounced success that it was. Overhead, a canopy of deep, rich cerulean tints; beneath, a carpet of velvety green stretching away in matchless splendor; a faint breeze stirring almost imperceptibly the fast forming leaves on the trees—all formed a magnificent setting for one of the most pleasing events of the year. The links of the club never looked more beautiful than yesterday, and expressions of delight over the picture were heard on all sides. Then, too, there were more guests present than ever before. From two to four o'clock the little club house and the grounds immediately surrounding were thronged with people, and before the afternoon was over every nook and corner of the links had been investigated by the strangers.

On the prettily decorated veranda of the house the guests were received by officers of the club, C. M. Willey, with Mrs. Willey, James McKay, with Mrs. McKay, Miss Mary J. Wright and James F. Higgins. Mrs. C. H. Kent, Mrs. A. I. Whitehead, Mrs. J. More, Mrs. E. A. Drown, Mrs. H. G. Woodruff, William Marr, William Duff, N. B. Ballard, D. H. Perry, G. N. Tilden and H. M. Reams were members of the committee of introduction.

At one corner of the veranda light refreshments were served by four young ladies, Esther Fitts, Nellie Slayton, Shirley Bradford and Kittie Ahern. The refreshments were in charge of Miss George Mann and Miss Carrie Wheelock. During the afternoon Gilbertson's orchestra furnished music, adding not a little to the delight of the occasion. Late in the afternoon there were exhibitions of golfing, during which the initiations were shown the mysteries of the game. A driving contest was won by George N. Tilden who propelled the ball a distance of 193 yards. A 75-yard approaching contest was won by Alexander Milne, he making the distance and holing out in two strokes. This part of the afternoon's entertainment was in charge of J. F. Higgins, J. G. More, H. G. Woodruff, C. G. Moore and T. C. Peters.

The remainder of the afternoon, to early evening, was spent in roaming about the grounds and in social intercourse.

The social committee of the club, which had charge of the reception were, C. G. Moore, Miss Carrie Wheelock, Miss Mary J. Wright, Mrs. L. A. Whitehead, Mrs. C. H. Kent, Miss Alice Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. More, J. F. Higgins, H. G. Woodruff and H. M. Ream.

Barre Railroad Directors.

At the annual meeting of the Barre R. R. Co., held at the general office of the company at 10 a. m. today, the following directors were elected: W. A. Stowell and F. W. Stanyon of Montpelier and A. D. Morse, E. L. Smith and John Trow of Barre. A. D. Morse was elected president, W. A. Stowell, vice president and managing director and F. W. Stanyon, clerk and treasurer.

REORGANIZE
THE COMPANYNineteen Members of Com-
pany E Dropped.

CAPT. ROGERS TO REMAIN.

There Is to Be a General Change in
Methods of Recruiting Company
to Full Strength—Good
Men Wanted.

Captain Patrick J. Rogers of Company E, Vermont National Guard, of Barre, has been induced to withdraw his resignation as captain, tendered a few weeks ago, on the understanding that he be given authority to reorganize the company. The first move toward reorganization was made last evening when nineteen members were disbanded for the good of the company and for the good of the service. Among the number were some non-commissioned officers, successors to whom will be chosen next week.

To recruit the company to the full strength again, a new system has been adopted. Heretofore the names of proposed members have been brought in by members of the company and acted upon. Now the names will go before a recruiting officer for examination. Lieutenant James Dean has been designated as recruiting officer, and beginning at once he will be pleased to receive applications from able-bodied men between the ages of eighteen and thirty-one. The applicants must be of good character. To bring the company to its full strength, from twenty to thirty, men will be taken into the company.

The management of the army and also the club which is run in connection with it will be conducted differently in the future, but the plans in this are not of public interest. The dropping of the nineteen members last evening leaves about thirty-five members in the company, but it is expected that the ranks will again be filled with good men and that the excellent position heretofore held by Company E in the regiment will be kept.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

The Brothers Furnish a Banquet to the
Members of the O. E. S.

At the special meeting of Ruth Chapter, O. E. S., held last evening, four candidates received the degrees of the order, the work being beautifully rendered. A large audience of members and visitors was present. We were very glad to welcome members from our new chapter at Richmond—sorry there were not more. They seemingly were much pleased with the reception extended them. After the work, we listened to remarks by the Grand Matron and visitors, after which the chapter was closed and all invited to the banquet hall, where over 100 partook of a most excellent banquet, provided and served by the brothers. The tables were finely arranged and everything there that one could wish for.

It was whispered about who did the cooking; it was one of the brothers. It was one of the most enjoyable events in the history of Ruth Chapter and when at a late hour we left for our homes it was with a wish that when next the brothers "do entertain, we may be there to see."

STREET RAILWAY EXTENSION.

Conference on Matter to Be Held Next
Tuesday Afternoon.

Arrangements have been made for a conference in the street railway extension matter for next Tuesday afternoon, at 2, at the city council chamber. The city council and F. W. Stanyon, Gen. Supt. of the Barre Railroad will attend and President J. J. Flynn of the Barre & Montpelier Traction and Power Co., has been notified to that effect, that the railroad may be represented if it so desires.

TRYING THE LIQUOR.

City Court Hears Case on Stuff Seized
at Dance.

The case of state vs. intoxicating liquor, which was seized at the Italian dance Saturday night, is being tried in city court today before Judge Fay. State's Attorney Jackson is prosecuting and R. A. Hoar and E. L. Scott defending.

Episcopal Ladies Meet.

The Woman's Auxiliaries of the Episcopal churches in the Montpelier district, which includes Randolph, Montpelier, Barre and Northfield, held an all-day meeting in Christ church at Montpelier yesterday with nearly 50 delegates present. Holy communion was celebrated in the morning and reports of the various auxiliaries were made. Lunch was served at noon and at six o'clock a social hour, the latter followed by a social hour. Several talks were given in the afternoon on missionary themes and at the session last evening the Rev. G. Y. Bliss of Burlington and the Rev. W. T. Forsythe of Middlebury delivered addresses.

Civil War Veteran Dead.

Rutland, May 25.—Henry Little, a civil war veteran and a native of Vermont, died this morning, aged 75 years. He leaves a wife, two daughters and one son.